

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, On July 19, 1883, the site for Corona, Dakota Territory, was surveyed by W.S. Crowl, dedicated, and filed after a site 1½ miles north named Prior was abandoned in favor of the location with closer railroad access; and,

Whereas, The original business district was a 2 block area comprised of a doctor, veterinarian, drug store, newspaper, two banks, pool halls, real estate office, four grocery stores, butcher shop, post office, stockyards, four elevators, general store, hardware and implement store, blacksmith, livery barn, creamery, and two lumber yards, and Main Street was marked with hitching posts, gasoline lamps, and wooden sidewalks; and,

Whereas, Today, Corona continues to be a busy place with a café, two liquor stores, garage/refrigeration business, elevator, computer learning center, gravel hauling business, Mark's Custom Woodworking, Ammann Honey Farm, Dakota Machine Works, post office, volunteer fire department, and Lutheran Church; and,

Whereas, A school was built in 1891, and with increased enrollment, a larger school was built in 1899, and the Trinity Lutheran Church was built in 1898, which remains today; and,

Whereas, The Corona Concert Band was organized around 1911, entertaining the community for a variety of occasions and concerts in the park, and was known to serenade many local newly-married couples; and,

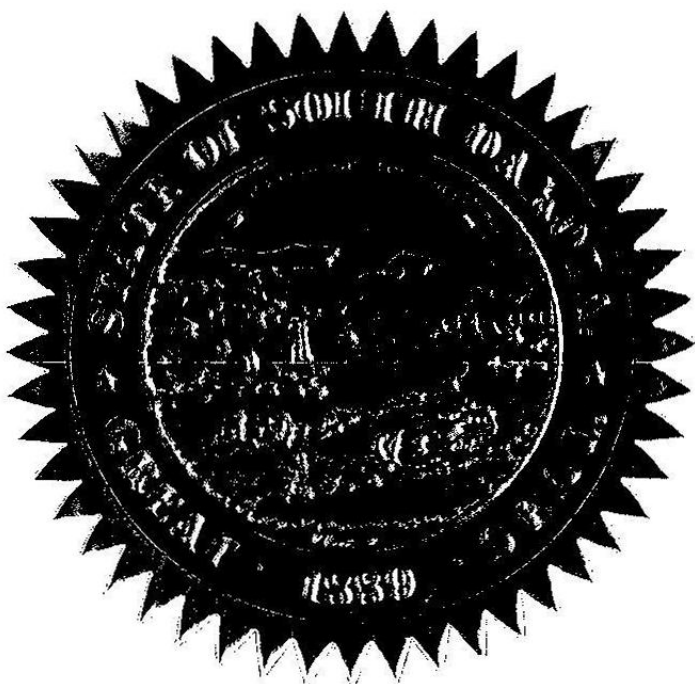
Whereas, Corona has enjoyed a history of avid baseball and basketball players and fans, and has enjoyed several trips to state tournaments in both sports over the years, and in 1999, the city of Corona planned its first St. Patty's Day Parade, finding it to be a huge success, and the community club float theme says it all for Corona, "Not the end of the world...The end of the rainbow"; and,

Whereas, Corona will celebrate its 125th anniversary celebration on June 20 - 22, 2008, with a variety of events, concessions, and food booths available throughout the weekend:

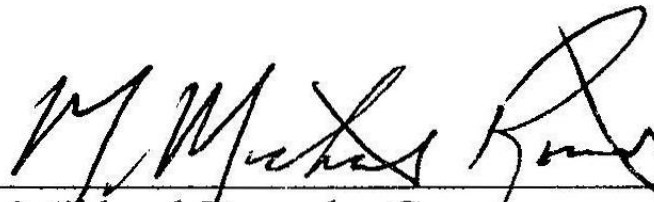
Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 20-22, 2008, as

CORONA QUASQUICENTENNIAL DAYS

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirteenth Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight.


M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State